GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3451
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2001
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC) in its latest report submitted to the National Human Rights Commission has criticised the Ministry of Home Affairs for displaying intransigence with regard to recommendations submitted by the National Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the National Human Rights Commission to implement the recommendations contained in the said report;

(d) whether the Government are considering to grant the NHRC the independence which the Paris Principle of 1991 deemed imperative for effective governance;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC) has submitted a report to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) wherein it has made some observations criticizing the alleged intransigence with regard to certain recommendations made by the NHRC in its Annual Report about reforms in Criminal Justice System.

(c): The report is being examined by the Commission.

(d) to (f): The Government does not interfere in the performance of the functions assigned to NHRC under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The NHRC enjoys independence and autonomy for carrying out the task assigned to it under the Act.